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Appeals Board Says No to Gravel Pit

(Lamoine) - Though the Lamoine Board of Appeals found that the town's Planning Board erred on three of four reasons that it denied a gravel extraction permit to Doug Gott and Sons, the permit remains unissued as both boards agreed that an expanded pit would have an adverse impact on nearby homes.

In a process that took nearly 4-months to complete, the Board of Appeals held several hours of hearings, deliberations and reconsiderations and the case will end up in Superior Court.

In January, the Planning Board denied Site Plan Review and Gravel extraction permits for Gott on a piece of land that abuts one currently permitted for gravel extraction. The Planning Board ruled that the operation as proposed would not preserve the natural beauty of the area, and that it did not comply with the town's Comprehensive Plan as required by the Site Plan Review Ordinance. The similar natural beauty requirement in the Gravel Ordinance along with an adverse impact provision were the two grounds for denying the Gravel Ordinance.

Gott's attorney, Michael Ross, argued that the plan submitted took steps to enhance the aesthetics of the present wooded lot by building a berm that would screen neighbors from the view and noise. The Appeals Board agreed with Ross that the Planning Board erred on that matter.

Ross also argued that the Comprehensive Plan is not an ordinance but is the basis for which the various ordinances were drafted, and was too vague to be of use in the Site Plan Review findings. The Appeals Board considered various aspects of the Comprehensive Plan, including the recommendation that gravel pits be allowed in the Rural and Agricultural Zone, and told the Planning Board that the proposal complied with the Comprehensive Plan.

It was adverse impact on the neighboring homes that saw both boards agree that a gravel pit on the lot in question should not be permitted. After the lot was cleared, several trees on neighboring lots blew over in a wind storm, and neighbors noted that was just one of the impacts. They also testified that they believed the impact on their property would lower the value of their homes and threaten the quality of life.

Ross filed an appeal in Superior Court—the town receiving the voluminous filing near the end of the month. Selectmen referred the suit to Town Attorney Tony Beardsley for response.

Property Tax Should Remain Stable

(Lamoine) - Following passage of the RSU 24 budget and receipt of the assessment from the school department, it seems evident that the town's property tax rate should remain unchanged from 2010. In fact, home owners might see a small decrease in their bill as the full homestead exemption can be enjoyed this year thanks to slightly falling home sale prices.

The assessors are still totaling up new construction on property. The state property tax division has allowed the town to extend the full \$10,000 homestead exemption to qualifying property owners. Tax bills will likely be generated in mid-July with the first payment due at the end of August. The mill rate for 2010/11 was 9.6, and it should remain at that level this year.

Boston Post Cane Awarded to Merrill Boynton

(Lamoine) - Merrill Boynton still drives his car to the supermarket in Ellsworth just about every day, holding court at the front of the store and exchanging pleasantries with the folks he knows. He also celebrated his 96th birthday on May 20th, and that earned him the distinction of being Lamoine's oldest living citizen. Boynton is a true son of Lamoine, the fifth child of Chester and Mary (West) Boynton

who were also born in town. A nice article about Merrill's service to the country in World War II was published a few years ago by *The Ellsworth American* and hangs on the wall overlooking the Town Clerk's counter area. Boynton served in Europe in World War II and was wounded in the neck when his unit encountered German troops while on patrol in Anzio on May 31, 1944, and also suffered injuries while stationed in Belgium.

Merrill lives on the Shore Road in the house that he built in 1955. Following the war he worked as a general contractor.

In April, Merrill attended a Board of Selectmen's meeting where he was awarded the *Boston Post* cane which is traditionally awarded to the oldest citizen in town. The passing of Jennie Neleski at the age of 102 in March meant it was time for the cane to find its new home. Merrill graciously accepted the cane and a resolve from the Selectmen honoring him as Lamoine's most experienced citizen.



Selectboard chair Jo Cooper presents the Boston Post Cane to Merrill Boynton in April



Taking the Creek out of Mud Creek
Maine DOT workers replace one of several culverts on Mud Creek Road prior to paving in mid-June.

Lots of Paving in Lamoine

(Lamoine) - The Maine DOT has put down a new road surface on Mud Creek Road, which serves as a shortcut between Route 1 in Hancock and Route 3 in Trenton. The road was more than overdue for paving and drainage work. In the past few years, flooding has been a serious problem on one stretch of the road near Chickadee Lane. Workers installed a 2nd drainage culvert near that section and dug new ditches along the road to help keep water from building up.

The town also planned to pave Asa's Lane in late June, replacing a culvert, ditching and tree removal coming along the side of that road which has been damaged a couple of times by flooding. The road was last resurfaced in the summer of 1998. Jay Fowler performed the drainage work and Lane Construction won the paving contract.



Nathaniel Jordan, USMC addresses folks gathered at Lamoine’s Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day

Trust Offers More than Expected

(Lamoine) - The trust fund established a few years ago by former town treasurer Leurene Hodgkins has started to pay some large benefits to the Town. An initial check for \$4,805 was received in December 2010 and that was followed up by a check for \$3,294 in May, 2011.

The payments represent the interest on the trust fund held by Bar Harbor Trust Services. That fund was initially designed to pay out when it reached \$350,000, however that amount was lowered by petition to Probate Court to \$200,000 last year. The annual town meeting approved using \$3,600 to construct a privy at Bloomfield Park. Under the terms of the trust, funding is to be used for parks and/or other building projects in the town.

Consent Agreements Reached

(Lamoine) - A pair of ordinance violations prompted letters from the town attorney and has resulted in corrections and small fines. A Shoreland zoning violation (building a deck too close to the water) on Seaview Way went all the way to the Board of Appeals which ordered it removed last October. The deck remained in place and that’s when town attorney Tony Beardsley started negotiations. The deck has since been removed, and the attorney’s fees paid by the violator.

The other agreement resulted in a \$250-dollar fine paid by gravel pit operator John W. Goodwin, Jr. who operated his pits prior to renewing his permits. The permit renewal process started late and the applications were not found complete until well after the expiration date. Though Selectmen signed the agreement reached by the town attorney, there was some sentiment that the fine should have been larger. Mr. Beardsley’s fees were also included in the agreement

New Ordinance Fees Set—Start July 1

(Lamoine) - After town meeting approved giving the Board of Selectmen the duty of setting application fees under numerous ordinances, a workshop including the Selectmen, Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer has devised a new fee schedule. The major change is to the building permit fee. Roofed buildings will be charged 10-cents per square foot per floor. For example, an 800-square foot building with two floors, would pay \$160.00 for a building permit. Previously, the building permit fee was for ground coverage only, regardless of how many stories. Non-roofed structures such as decks would still pay 5-cents a square foot.

Gravel permit fees increased by 50%, depending on the size of the pit. The maximum fee for a gravel permit is now \$450.00. The permit fee for gravel pits had not increased in more than 20-years, and pit permits dominate much of the Planning Board’s time.

Subdivision fees under the building and land use ordinance increase to a base of \$200, plus \$100 per lot created and \$100 per street created. The rationale behind the increase was the cost of installing street signs. The new fees are posted on the town’s website and at town hall.

New Permit Application

(Lamoine) - A new construction permit application for building, Shoreland, and Flood Plain permits has been developed by the Code Enforcement Officer and other town office staff. The application asks for the same basic information, but includes a lot more space for contact information of applicants and contractors, which will help the Code Enforcement Officer follow up on inspections. The new permit fees are also included on the application which is now available at the town office and posted on line. CEO Dennis Ford is also working to develop a commercial building application.

Greenhouses Approved, Boat Shop Proposed

(Lamoine) - The Planning Board has issued site plan review approval for two large greenhouses proposed by Travis Walls on Mud Creek Road. Walls plans to use the greenhouses to produce and store plants and other materials used in his landscaping business.

A boat shop proposed by Douglas Highway resident Stewart Workman is on the agenda for the July 5, 2011 Planning Board meeting. Mr. Workman proposes to construct the building across the road from his current operation at the corner of MacQuinn Road and Douglas Highway. A public hearing is set for 6:30 PM on the project which has drawn some opposition from at least one neighbor.

Gravel Pits Renewed

(Lamoine) - Lamoine’s Planning Board renewed two gravel extraction permits after months of reviewing applications from John W. Goodwin, Jr. The pits are located in East Lamoine and in the Marlboro area. The board placed several conditions on the pit operations, including a request to eliminate the mud from Lamoine Beach Road at the entrance of the East Lamoine pit.

The Planning Board also renewed gravel pit permits for several areas mined by Doug Gott & Sons—all located in the East Lamoine area between Lamoine Beach Road and Mill Road. The renewals were submitted in a timely fashion and found to be complete by the board which placed no conditions.

Permits Pick Up

(Lamoine) - The following permits have been issued since the January 1, 2011

#	Name	Project
1	Hibbs, Susan	Deck
2	Jewell, Duane	Shed
3	Bishop, Lewis	Garage
4	Nickerson, Harry	Shed
5	Johnston, Kathleen	Residence
6	Frederick, Paul	Steps
7	Dumont, Raymonde	Deck
8	Trites, Robert	Carport
9	Johnston, Dorithy	Porch
10	Benincasa, Anthony	Deck
11	Swanson, Carl	Deck
12	Parkinson, Joanne	Shed
13	Lamoine, Town Of	Privy
14	Tilden, Robert	Sign
15	Sargent, Philip	Barn
16	Bean, Christopher	Deck
17	Wright, Wayne	Residence*
18	Gardner, Paula	Deck
19	Norris, Barry	Storage
20	Poray, Cynthia	Residence
21	Tozier, Charles	Deck
22	Barbeau, Morris	Residence
23	Ashmore, Arthur	Deck
24	Flasher, Joseph	Shed
25	Leavitt, James	Residence
26	Barbeau, Philip	Residence

*Stop work order issued

Recycling to change, a bit

(Lamoine) - The new solid waste and recycling contract the town will sign with Pine Tree Waste will include a slight change to the recycling program. Office and mixed paper will be collected in a roll-off container, as will cardboard. The individual 10-yard containers will be replaced with the roll-off. This will allow the container to be hauled to Coastal Recycling in Hancock for processing, and the town in turn will receive the revenue from the recycled cardboard and mixed paper products. Under the expiring contract, no revenue has been derived from either material.

The town and Pine Tree Waste were working out last minute details on the 5-year transportation contract in late June, and Selectmen anticipated signing the contract at the end of the month. It's not clear when the new roll-off containers will arrive. The cardboard container will be configured so that only flattened cardboard can be placed inside, allowing for more weight to be transported to Coastal Recycling.



*This way outta town.....
The Maine Emergency Management Agency and Maine DOT installed dozens of evacuation signs in coastal communities this spring using a federal grant. The idea is to show folks the route away from the coast—they are not directions to any particular storm shelter.*

Town Meeting to Decide Commercial Hauler Change

(Lamoine) - Under a policy approved by voters in 1997, no commercial trash hauler may bring trash to Lamoine's transfer station from out of town. Violation of this provision has cost one of the two haulers using the transfer station his privileges for a year—and it was a relatively small amount of trash involved. Russell Boynton Jr. is now hauling his trash route to Ellsworth where he's paying a disposal fee. A previous agreement with Mr. Boynton provided for the one year ban.

Selectmen, meanwhile, wondered if there might be some revenue opportunity in addition to offering some flexibility to small operations like Mr. Boynton. A series of changes are being proposed to the Commercial Trash Hauler policy which will allow a limited amount of non-Lamoine trash to come into the transfer station for a fee.

Because the previous policy received town meeting approval, it was felt the new policy must be approved at the town meeting level. The new policy, though, contains a provision to allow amendments by the Selectmen after proper notice and hearing. The special town meeting date has yet to be set.

Water Tests Complete

(Lamoine) - The annual water tests on three homes near the closed landfill have yielded similar results to past years. A fourth home that had been included in testing was exempted for this year only because the DEP and town installed a water filter system to eliminate iron and manganese believed related to the landfill.

A new testing company was contracted to analyze the water test results at significant savings to the Town over the state testing rates. The DEP has reimbursed the town for the water filter system.

Transporter Pays Town For Improper Disposal

(Lamoine) - Ever since the town started shipping trash to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) incinerator in the 1990's, careful logging of trash amounts has kept track of the weight. When Adm. Asst. Stu Marckoon noticed that weights for the 1st quarter of the year were up more than 35%, it was clear something was wrong.

Pine Tree Waste investigated and found it's driver had mixed in commercial accounts from town with the transfer station trash, which is not supposed to happen. Pine Tree has reimbursed the town more than \$3,700 in disposal fees on the basis that disposal amounts were steady from the previous year. Pine Tree has assured the town it has fixed the problem which resulted in a similar settlement many years ago.

Town Pays Penalty for Too Little Trash

(Lamoine) - Normally a penalty would be viewed as a bad thing, but the bill that Lamoine paid to the folks who run the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company was more of a mixed blessing. The town had pledged to send 600-tons of trash to the incinerator in Orrington in 2010. We came up short by just over 11-tons. The bill for that shortage: \$125.64. At \$45-ton, the town ended up saving \$376.11 in avoided disposal costs.

Several towns around the state ended up being billed for sending too little trash to the incinerator under a complex agreement to provide fuel for energy. Lamoine still received \$4,761.98 in rebates on disposal costs to the PERC plant in May. Slower economic activity and better recycling efforts are two factors that cut into the amount of trash sent to PERC, thus producing lower energy sales.

Conservation Commission News

By Bob Pulver, Chair

(Lamoine) - Lamoine Conservation Commission is committed to working with Stakeholders of Upper Frenchman Bay, a newly formed group recruited by Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory. The group is beginning discuss how to best protect the marine life of the Bay for sustainable harvesting as well as the natural beauty of this valuable resource. Bob Pulver and Carol Korty have represented Lamoine.

LCC's participation in MDI Bio Lab's on-going EEL GRASS RESTORATION PROJECT has grown into a full-fledge science project at Lamoine Consolidated School. Under the guidance of 7th grader science teacher Chris James, students have monitored two outdoor eel grass tanks to compare growing the grass in gravel vs. a sediment base. The students then participated in an Eel Grass Summit at the MDI Bio Lab on June 13th along with students three other schools. The Maine Community Foundation has funded a summer program called Young Environmental Leaders. Two Lamoine students, Nicole Brown and Kaleb Payson, were accepted. They will work at the MDI Bio Lab the first week of August on eel grass restoration and GIS mapping.

The Commission will be sponsoring two late summer events. A Star Gazing Workshop presented by Linda Penkalski, will be held Aug 17th at dusk at Marlboro Beach. If the weather conditions are not favorable a second date is scheduled for Aug 24.

The other is the annual September Maine State Shore Clean Up which will begin at the Lamoine State Park. The date and time will be announced and posted in the town hall. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile project.

Few Takers for Returnables

(Lamoine) - When the Selectmen started a program to allow non-profit groups in town benefit from the returnable bottles turned in at the transfer station, they suspected there would be a fairly lengthy waiting list of groups. At first there was – now, not really. In fact, as June comes to an end, no applications are pending for the proceeds from bottle returns!

The application is pretty simple—it's available on line. The payout is pretty good too—ranging from \$183.40 during one month in the winter to \$476.20 in the summer months. Other than publicity by the benefitting organization, there really isn't any work involved. Lamoine Redemption cleans out the returnable area once a month, and after a small processing fee, sends a check to the town, which sends a check to the beneficiary organization. Groups benefiting in 2011 include the 8th grade class, the Historical Society, the Parks Commission, the Conservation Commission and the East Lamoine Cemetery Association.



Granite Posts Donated

Many thanks to George Crawford who donated a pair of granite posts to be placed in front of the Veterans Memorial at the Lamoine Town Hall. Besides adding a nice touch to the entrance of the memorial walkway, the posts are also a good marker for the snow plow in the winter. Plow contractor Richard McMullen installed the posts at no charge in time for Memorial Day.

Comings & Goings

(Lamoine) - We welcome **Cece Ohmart** and **Deborah Verrill-McFarland** to the Budget Committee as alternate members. The alternate position opened with the death of **Reggie McDevitt** earlier this year. Ohmart is the town's Health Officer, Verrill-McFarland is married to Selectman Gary McFarland.

Lawrence Libby has agreed to become a full Conservation Commissioner. The terms of **Fred Stocking** and **David Schick** expired at the end of June and both said they did not wish to continue their service. Stocking was one of the original founding members of the Conservation Commission several years ago.

Merle Bragdon has stepped down after his term expired as an Alternate Appeals Board member. He will continue to serve on the Budget Committee.

Projects Planned at Town Hall



(Lamoine) - Until former Selectman Kermit Theall got his ladder to see what was what, it wasn't clear what kind of shape the portico above the front door at the town office was in. The discovery—not very good. The roofing has all but disappeared and the rafter boards have rotted. However, the fancy cornices are still in good shape.

Selectmen were due to open bids at the end of June to repair the portico, along with repairs to the outside bulletin board along with moving it out of the ice fall line, and to repaint the trim around the windows. Town meeting set aside \$5,000 for the projects which the bid specifications called for to be complete by the end of September. Theall and a couple of painting contractors submitted bids. A contractor from Skowhegan will rebuild the portico, Theall will repair and move the bulletin board, and James Helma will paint the bulletin board and the trim.

Road Commissioner Steps Down

(Lamoine) - Road Commissioner Michael Jordan has stepped down from that post, but will continue to serve as the town's Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, Deputy Plumbing Inspector and Deputy Building Inspector. He is also an elected member of the Board of Assessors.

Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon was named the Road Commissioner effective July 1st, but has indicated he would like to find a suitable replacement for the job which is mainly administrative in nature, though it does involve some manual labor. Marckoon held the post of Road Commissioner for several years, opting to give it up due to time constraints. An advertisement for a permanent Road Commissioner will be placed in the coming months.



A crew member from Jay Fowler & Son cuts the pavement at the town hall parking lot in preparation for repaving in July.

Special Town Meeting Scheduled

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have set September 15, 2011 as a special town meeting date to deal with a couple of budget matters and to see if the town wants to change its policy in regard to commercial trash haulers. The special meeting will likely be held at 7PM, either at the school or the Town Hall.

The two budget matters concern the Parks Budget which saw an over-expenditure in fiscal year 2011. That was the result of the kiosk project which didn't have enough money set aside many years ago when the project was first contemplated, but completed this past year. The other budget matter has to do with health insurance benefits for the town office staff. When the budget was developed, final insurance costs had not been calculated.

School Budget Validated

(Lamoine) - It didn't take long for town clerk Jennifer Kovacs to check in all the Lamoine voters at the annual RSU 24 budget meeting. Five folks from town showed up and participated in the session that approved a district wide budget of more than \$35-million dollars.

The following validation vote on June 14th didn't exactly tax the ballot clerks, either. Just 64-folks showed up to cast their ballots—a 4.4% turnout, which actually was better than many towns experienced on validation votes. Ellsworth, for example, saw only 2.2% of its voters cast a ballot, and voting there included election of a candidate to the RSU board.

Only the town of Hancock rejected the school budget—the other 11 towns passed it by more than the number of no-votes in Hancock, so the school budget for 2011-12 is all set. Lamoine will see its assessment of \$2,096,962 fall by \$14,364, or less than 1-percent. Hancock experienced a share shift of a half-million dollars due to a state valuation increase.



Oops...
Someone backed into the railing at the Town Hall in May, causing the rail to badly twist. Either the driver didn't realize it or took off on purpose, but they're missing a tail light. The Maine State Police are investigating. The railing will be repaired—the bent section was removed a few days later.

Barking Dog Ordinance Declined

(Lamoine) - Selectmen declined a request from a Shore Road resident to draft and enact an ordinance to regulate barking dogs. The resident said that his neighbors dog would bark for hours on end and they were not able to convince the home's occupants to address the problem. The Animal Control Officer investigated and determined that that animals were not being mistreated or neglected.

Selectmen said that they were reluctant to offer a new ordinance because of fears of unknown consequences that might come with enforcement.

Gully Brook Road Closed for Winter

(Lamoine) - Following a public hearing at which no one testified, the Selectmen voted to issue another 10-year winter maintenance closure on the Gully Brook Road. The road that cuts between Shore Road and Berry Cove Road contains only one building—a seasonal garage. The road is not paved and is treacherous at best during snow and mud seasons.

Selectmen OK Air Packs for Fire Truck

(Lamoine) - Thanks to lower than expected expenses for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2011, Lamoine's Fire Chief had some funding available for purchase of an additional Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus purchase. The Fire Department has agreed to match the town's purchase of an airpack from it's privately raised funding. The two new airpacks will be mounted on the forestry/fast attack truck.

911 Calls to Fire Department Drop

(Lamoine) - By the time July 1st rolled around in 2010, the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department had responded to 27-calls for help. A year later, the number of calls had dwindled to 15 at the half year mark, a 44% drop.

Between April and June, the LVFD responded to 9-calls, down just two from the 2nd quarter in 2010. Included in the calls were a propane tank fire on Lamoine Beach Road. Homeowner Roy Allen had been using a portable heater with the tank when a hose malfunctioned. He was able to pull it out of his garage. Fire department personnel used a fire extinguisher to get the flames out and turn off the valve.

A lightning strike (see below) on Mill Road at 1:25 in the morning brought firefighters to the David and Shannon Byers home. The blast hit a spruce tree behind their garage and the electricity



Photo courtesy of David Byers

Public Sand may be available

(Lamoine) - Selectmen are working on a plan with plowing contractor Richard McMullen to let folks have a bucket of sand on an emergency basis to help with snow and ice. A policy is being formulated and McMullen will likely construct a small sheltered area where a small pile of sand will be available to fill a bucket. Details are still being finalized in policy form.

FD Auction is 8/19

(Lamoine) - The annual Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department auction will be held on Friday, August 19, 2011. Preview begins at 5:00 PM with bidding starting at 6PM.

The auction has become one of the largest fund raisers for the fire department over the years. Professional auctioneer Chas Hare will lead the bidding again. Donation arrangements can be made through chair Joe Young 667-7199 or through the town office (667-2242)

surge blew a wall plate off a light switch inside the house. Firefighters determined that nothing was on fire and advised the homeowners to call an electrician.

Firefighters responded to a head on accident call near the Mud Creek Bridge on June 5th. They cut off the door to a vehicle involved in the crash to safely get an injured woman out and to an ambulance. Her injuries were not life-threatening.

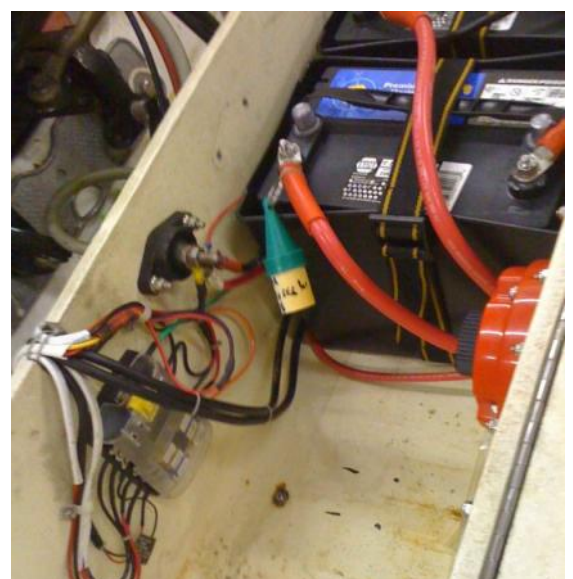
In mid-April Lamoine sent two trucks and several crew members to Ellsworth to help fight a fire on the Surry Road. No injuries were reported, but there was significant damage to the home.

In late June, LVFD launched its rescue boat in high winds and rough seas to assist the Hancock VFD, Sorrento VFD, Bar Harbor FD, the Marine Patrol and the US Coast Guard in the search for a missing kayaker. Shortly after the rescue boat got under way the search was called off when the body of 28-year old Eric Hogan of Massachusetts was pulled from the waters. Mr. Hogan had been on his honeymoon and set off on a small plastic kayak that morning and likely was overcome by the cold waters.

Rescue Boat Repaired

(Lamoine) - The fire department's 12-foot inflatable rescue boat is back in service after being down for a couple of days due to corrosion of electrical lines. That corrosion knocked out fuses that powered the 2-way radios, the GPS, and a search light. It also resulted in needed battery replacement, though there was no problem starting the boat during a rescue call in June.

Lt. Brett Jones performed the service work. The LVFD boat has been involved in numerous search and rescue operations over the years, and crew members have saved several lives of people who were in the icy waters of Frenchman Bay.



Inside the LVFD Rescue Boat
The fuses and batteries on the boat were replaced this spring after corrosion caused some electrical malfunctions.
Photo by Brett Jones

Parks Facilities Aging

(Lamoine) - Time, and salt water, have not been kind to the facilities at Lamoine Beach Park. The Parks Commission reports several picnic tables at the park have started to see the metal legs on the picnic tables deteriorate, causing some sharp edges that could be hazardous to bare feet. Chair Kerry Galeaz is looking into replacement items that might not be as susceptible to rot and corrosion.

The flower garden built under the park sign has also been removed. The old railroad ties that held in the soil for the raised bed garden have also rotted to the point that they are no longer usable. The wild rose bushes in the garden were dug up and relocated to the town hall.

On a positive note, the new privy has been constructed at Bloomfield Park. Funding for the privy came from a trust fund left to the Town by Allen and Leurene Hodgkins, and was approved by town meeting in March. The project cost just over \$3,600 which included the system design and having a surveyor place stakes at the mandatory 100-foot Shoreland setback.



*Bloomfield Park privy under construction
The construction crew from Lawn Enforcement levels up the new outhouse at Bloomfield Park in April. The new facility should help keep the park and Blunt's Pond cleaner.*

Selectmen Opt Not to Pursue Old Theft

(Lamoine) - A theft from Lamoine's town office back in 1996 will not be reopened, despite a request from former Deputy Plumbing Inspector Robert Sharkey. Mr. Sharkey presented the Board of Selectmen with a written report that he prepared after he hired a private investigator to look into the break-in that occurred in October of 1996. The burglars broke into the back door of the town office, broke into both

internal offices and the vault, and took approximately \$925 in cash that had not yet been deposited from the previous day's tax receipts.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department investigated the matter and generated several suspects who were charged with breaks at other town offices in the area. One of those suspects was convicted of a theft at the Sullivan town office.

The Selectmen checked with the Hancock County District Attorney's office and determined that because the case is more than 6-years old, the statute of limitations would not allow for prosecution. Former D-A Michael Povich noted that several of the names mentioned in the report are still incarcerated for other crimes.

Mr. Sharkey told Selectmen he was concerned after reading of other recent theft cases in other Maine communities.

Harbor Master Looks to Improve Ramp @ Park

(Lamoine) - To launch a boat on a trailer at Lamoine State Park at low tide is tricky at best. The ramp extends out only so far, and when the water is very shallow, one can get a trailer stuck pretty easily.

Harbor Master David Herrick is exploring working jointly with the State of Maine Bureau of Parks and lands to extend the ramp infrastructure several feet by adding cement structures reinforced with stainless steel rods. Paving was nixed by the Department of Environmental Protection. The extension would allow for launch at retrieval at low tide. Mr. Herrick estimated the cost to be about \$5,000. The town has enough funding in the harbor account to pay for the project.

Tech Room Rewired

(Lamoine) - Folks who visited the town office during April saw a lot of activity by electricians throughout the building. It involved a major re-wiring job to improve the layout and the circuitry of all the town's technology equipment, especially the cable TV operation.

Lamoine resident Noel Dechar (Excalibur the Electrician) and his co-worker Curtis McKay ran new computer network wiring and new audio/video cabling throughout the building and set up the racks of equipment in a way that makes the cable TV operation a lot more compact and sensible.

A problem with an interference line running through the picture was also solved—it turned out to be a faulty piece of equipment that Time Warner cable had initially provided. The cable company has replaced that unit and the picture is now of much higher quality.



*Supervising the Job
Merlin, Noel "Excalibur" Dechar's dog
kept a close eye on the boss while the
Cable TV / Technology room was re-wired.*

Cable TV Operations Manager Hired

(Lamoine) - A Deer Isle woman currently attending school at the New England School of Communications has been tapped by Selectmen to be the new operations manager for the local Cable TV channel. Kimberly Grindle will begin the job in July.

Miss Grindle is finishing up her studies in media communications at NESCOM and works at Ellsworth Radio Station WNSX as an intern. CTV Committee chair Bill Butler also works for that station. Selectmen approved funding for the position from the Cable TV franchise fees received by the town.

Miss Grindle will be responsible for learning the operation of the CTV equipment at the town office, scheduling recordings and playback of meetings at the town hall. She'll also be asked to try to recruit volunteers to help record and off-site programming to be played on local cable channel 7.

Whose Tree Is It?



(Lamoine) - The tree pictured above fell victim to a family of beavers off Route 204 (Partridge Cove Road) this spring. In fact, the busy guys chomped on several in the neighborhood, causing concern the trees would come crashing into the road. The Maine DOT maintains the road, but said it was not in their jurisdiction. Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested that Bangor Hydro Electric be contacted, as the trees threatened the power lines. The utility company removed the damaged trees from the area the next week.

Lamoine Teacher wins Prestigious Award

By Carol Duffy

(Lamoine) - Each year Horace Mann selects 50 educators from around the country to participate in the Horace Mann - Abraham Lincoln Fellowship program. Fellows spend a week of their summer touring various historic sites in Illinois, including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Lincoln's home, Lincoln's tomb and the Old State Capitol State Historic Site. Educators also hear from experts on Lincoln's life and the Civil War era.



Lamoine middle-level teacher Tim Barlow with the award from Horace-Mann

Participants wrote an essay as part of the application process. Lamoine's Tim Barlow was selected as the Maine participant for this summer.

Vital Records

(Lamoine) - Lamoine lost several citizens last quarter. Summer resident **Jack Hardy** died in Florida on April 10, 2011. **Susan Abbott Christie** passed away on April 14, 2011. Her husband Bob served on Lamoine's school committee for many years and Susan was a delightful person, spending much of her career as a nurse. **Isabella Worcester** who lived just over the line in Hancock off Douglas Highway is former Town Clerk **Hubene Brodie's** mother. She died at the age of 93 on April 27.

Former Planning Board Secretary **Michael Garrett**, Lamoine's citizen of the year for 2010, died on June 21st. Former Treasurer **Liston Grant** also passed away on June 21st—he had moved out of town many years ago. As we were just going to press, we received word that Pro Auto Center owner **Barry Norris** died suddenly on July 3rd behind property he owned on Raccoon Cove Road. Mr. Norris donated many vehicles to the fire department for extrication and fire training.

During the quarter, there were four births recorded, two boys and two girls.

Just one marriage reported during the quarter. **Alicia Lofton** of South Birchlawn Drive and **Eric Cooper** were married in Ellsworth May 28th. He's in the Navy, based in Virginia.

Historical Society Plans Busy Summer

By Margaret Stewart

SATURDAY, JULY 16- the Lamoine Meeting House will be open with a display of **Lamoine General Stores**. Drop by any time between 1:00 and 3:00 pm, see the interior of the Meeting House and displays of Lamoine history and chat informally with Historical Society members. Located at 362 Lamoine Beach Road (Rte. #184), Lamoine, 04605.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 – Join us as former students reminisce about attending **LAMOINE'S ONE ROOM SCHOOLS**. In Lamoine Town Hall (formerly the North Lamoine School) at 606 Douglas Highway, Lamoine. Refreshments will be served following the program.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31 – Learn about some of Lamoine's historic weather events when **EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER**. The program will begin at 7:00 pm at the Meeting House, 362 Lamoine Beach Road (Rte. #184), Lamoine, ME 04605. Refreshments will be served following the program.

September 17 –the Lamoine Meeting House will be open with a display of **Fashions of Days Gone By**. Drop by any time between 1:00 and 3:00 pm, see the interior of the Meeting House and displays of Lamoine history and chat informally with Historical Society members. Located at 362 Lamoine Beach Road (Rte. #184), Lamoine, 04605.

Community Arts

(Lamoine) - The Community Arts group presented *Shore Acres* directed by Carol Korty this past May at the Grange, with a cast of 20 from town. A "spin-in" was held at the Ellsworth Library for local spinners to demonstrate their craft.

Free fiber arts gatherings are planned for Mondays each week from 6PM to 8PM. Contact Lynn at 667-0552 for more info. A fiber arts/fabric show is planned at the Grange on August 6th from 9-4.

On August 21st, the group will have a fund raiser called *Summer Treats*, which includes visits to two homes for hors d'oeuvres and desserts with 10-minute plays at each venue. Cost is \$25/person. Call Barbara at 667-1814 or Diane at 667-7969 for more information about any of the activities.



Flat Stanley meets the fire department
As part of a school project, a character named Flat Stanley posed as the fire department conducted a brush pile burn at Coyne Field
Photo by Margaret Stewart

Honor Grads Named

(Selectmen) - The Selectmen signed certificates commending the following graduates of the class of 2011 who finished with honors:

Name	High School
Vanessa Bond	MDI High School
Chelsea Curran	MDI High School
Katrina Fennelly	Ellsworth High School
Israel Fickett	MDI High School
Duncan Haass	Ellsworth High School
Kayla Herbert	MDI High School
Rebecca Marckoon	Ellsworth High School
Joshua Morren	Ellsworth High School
Kristina Pentland	Ellsworth High School
Linnea Rogers	Ellsworth High School
Heather Tupper	Ellsworth High School
Hayley White	Ellsworth High School
Lauren White	Ellsworth High School
Blake Wilder	Ellsworth High School



A new sign has been installed at the entrance of Lamoine's Consolidated School. Above, Karla Butler and Lizzie Alvarez unveil the sign just ahead of their 8th grade graduation.
Carol Duffy Photo

Neleskis, Googins Celebrate Anniversaries

(Lamoine) - Selectmen signed a commendation to **Maurice and Suzanne Googins** who were married in May 26, 1951 on the occasion of their 60th anniversary. They live on Douglas Highway.

Earlier in the quarter, the

Selectmen signed a commendation honoring **Bill and Enid Neleski** on their 50th anniversary, which fell on April 22, 2011.

In addition to both couples still living in Lamoine, they also have children and grandchildren in town.

July 2011 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Why was the quarterly published late?</i> - The paper was not ready for final approval on June 30th, and the next Selectmen's meeting to approve was held July 14th. We apologize for the delay.					1	2-Office open 8-12
3	4-Office Closed, Independence Day	5-6:30 PM Planning Board	6-7PM Assessors 7PM Fire Dept	7	8	9
10	11	12-6PM Local School Adv. Cmte.	13-7PM Conservation Cmsn 7PM Fire Dept	14-7PM Selectmen	15-Office closed @ lunch	16
17	18	19-7PM Parks Commission	20-7PM Fire Dept.	21	22	23
24	25	26-Office closed @ lunch.	27-7PM Fire Dept. 7PM Historical Society	28	29	30-Office Open 8-12
31	Note that the Selectmen will meet just once per month in July and August. Due to vacations and/or meetings the town office may be closed from time to time during the lunch hour.					

August 2011-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2-office closed @ lunch	3-7PM Assessors 7PM Fire Dept.	4	5	6-Town Office Open 8-12
7	8	9-7PM Planning Board	10-7PM Conservation Cmsn 7PM Fire Dept.	11-7PM Selectmen	12	13
14	15	16-7PM Parks Commission	17-7PM Fire Dept	18	19-5PM Fire Dept Auction	20
21	22	23	24-7PM Fire Dept.	25	26	27-Town Office Open 8-12
28	29	30	31-7PM Fire Dept. Property Tax Due	The Administrative Assistant will be on vacation the week of August 22nd, so the town office will be closed @ lunch.		

September 2011 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1-7PM Selectmen	2	3-Town Office Open 8-12
4	5-Labor Day, Town Office Closed	6-7PM Planning Board	7-7PM Assessors 7PM Fire Dept	8	9	10
11	12	13	14-7PM Conservation Cmsn 7PM Fire Dept	15-7PM Special Town Meeting/ Selectmen	16	17
18	19	20-7PM Parks Commission	21-7PM Fire Dept	22	23	24-Town Office Open 8-12
25	26	27	28-7PM Fire Dept	29	30	

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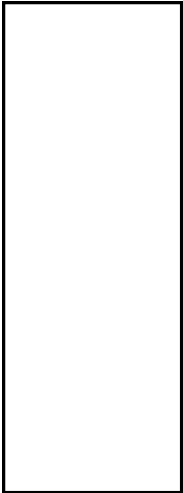
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Notable Anniversaries

And Much, Much More!



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